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In Re Application of:

RALSTON et al.

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Examiner: Hill, Myron G.

Title: ANTIBODIES TO HEPATITIS C VIRUS ASIALOGLYCOPROTEINS

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.116**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action in the above-referenced application, mailed April 7, 2004, with a shortened statutory period of three months for response. Accordingly an extension of time in which to respond is requested. Reconsideration of the application in view of the following amendments and remarks is respectfully requested.

A listing of claims begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.

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